

Immanuel warmly welcomes our new rector, the Rev. Ryan Kuratko!

Ryan graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2006, receiving a Master in Divinity (cum laude and with honors). When speaking to those who have known Ryan, your Search Committee found that they describe him as compassionate, caring, spiritual, a quick learner, close listener, clear communicator, and emotionally mature person – far beyond his age, which was 28 on February 6.

Ryan has been active in the church from a young age. He grew up in Lubbock, Texas; graduated with departmental honors with a degree in philosophy from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; was ordained to the priesthood in the diocese of Northwest Texas and returned to that diocese to serve at Lubbock's St. Paul's-on-the-Plains, where after one year as associate rector he became priest-in-charge.

In 2007, Ryan married the Rev. Lauren Kuratko, an Episcopal priest originally from the diocese of Alabama. Together, along with their faithful standard poodle Hannah, they moved to Richmond for Lauren's call to serve as assistant rector at Grace and Holy Trinity.

Ryan brings to us many talents, among them a relaxed, engaging personality, an easy grace with all age groups, and a pastor's heart. Ryan would add that his other gifts include his sporadically terrific cooking and his downright mediocre mandolin playing, both of which bring him great joy. Ryan very much looks forward to meeting the community at Immanuel and joining this part of Christ's body in the world.

He is one of the saints called by God to serve the church as a collaborative leader with clarity of purpose; ability to teach, lead and empower; kindness and insight, and awareness of tradition and openness to change.